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Minutes 10/08/2008

Arlington Recycling Committee - Meeting Minutes - Wed Oct 8th - 7:30 Town Hall Annex

Present: Gordon Jamieson (Chair), Juli Brazile, Nigil Kraus, Ruth Yannetti (DPW), Kathy Carusone, Anneli Mynttinen, Pete Howard (Secretary)

Announcement: Mary has decided to leave her position with the town - Pete, Anneli, Gordon, Ruth attended reception together with DPW co-workers - ARC presented Mary with reusable trader joes shopping bag as a small token of thanks - Mary most appreciative and we wish her luck...

Report on Town Day: Non-stop visitors to booth. Can collection successful. Thanks to all who stopped by and/or helped 'man' the booth. Thanks also to our neighbors for the day the AHS SAVE Club. Side by side booth positioning worked out great and hope is to repeat next year

Report on Board of Selectmen Presentation: BoS will again sign proclamation of Recycles Week. They approved sandwich board use to promote Arl Recycles Week (see below) They support expanding the Sustainability Action Plan to cover recycling (year long project)

Formal cmte membership - Gordon, Peter, Juli, Anneli, Nigel, Elizabeth, Margi, Ruth (DPW rep) nominated - two more 'formal' cmte members required! Note: This only means that you get your name 'in lights' on the town website and in the annual report - Everyone still most welcome to help with ARC work!

Preparations for Arlington Recycles Week (Nov 9-15th)

- Book collection: Juli has arranged w/ Stratton School to use their bin. We will have to transport books from Town Yard. DeAnne will attend and collect children's books/toys for distribution to children hospitalized at Boston Medical Ctr.
- Returnables collection: Nigel will get the SAVE club to do this.
- Proclamation: Gordon will update last year's to include asap plan component and recycling, yard, composting 'issues'
- Community Collection Day Flyer distribution: Ruth will distribute. She passed out samples. As did the group during town day (see attached)
- Town Hall sandwich board: Ruth has arranged for use after elections are over.
- Cable powerpoint presentation: Ruth to update
- Advocate press release: Advocate editor called. Gordon to discuss further and provide committee names, amount diverted, future goals
- Advocate article/op-ed piece: Juli will coordinate w/ Elizabeth.
- Reusable bag distribution solicitation (50 a minimum goal from each) S&S Juli, Trader Joe Gordon, Walgreen Gordon, CVS Juli, Johnnies Pete Whole Foods Anneli, Watertown Bank Ruth (post-mtg ruth reports that watertown bank is on board)

- Recent results (see attached powerpoint - take home msg is that since fy04 town's annual msw incineration tonnage has decreased by 15% with a net cumulative savings vs. budget of ca. \$750K
- Thanks to all for their continued hard work in this regard) PPT file attached

Future/current objectives (see plans xls sheet attached)
 Cardboard/Composting

- Collection bin network expansion/promotion E Arlington underserved and represent high potential for additional 'bin-related' savings!
- Schools Abitibi bins
- Thompson Juli (after election)

- Bishop Anneli
- Stratton - ???
- Hardy Principal supportive but no room. Maybe on street? Maybe

- Walgreens- Gordon to approach store, Ruth to discuss w/ Waste Management regarding cardboard and Abitibi bin placement in their lot - Group thought that if they agree that it would provide visible/handy paper/cardboard recycling location for eastern half of the town - Group further noted that Walgreens should have some input regarding regarding whom receives the Abitibi 'monies' which at high volume locations (e.g. town yard) can run 80-100/month

- We need to compile bin location list & make map

Composting

- Plan is to work with Sus Arlington on these issues and with BoS in regards to the MSW initiative within the ASAP
- Gordon provided Green Bin information - food scrap composting

Additional

- Ruth announced a grant application for a 2 yr recycling enforcement part-time position
- Ruth noted that the most successful ewaste collection program (held in lex last year) is likely to be repeated - date tbd
- Ruth noted that Winchester to have eco-festival in October - Gordon to distribute web link

Long-term issues (catch-all as reminders for future mtgs)

- Cardboard (schools/homes)
- Composting (schools/homes)
- Arl Sus Action Plan - MSW Initiative
- Visible waste ban enforcement
- Formal committee membership
- Website transition progress report
- Bottle bill (state house)
- No waste lunch
- PAYT